Production capacity of Barauni Fertilizer Plant

†3364. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the production capacity of the chemicals and fertilizer plant at Barauni, in Bihar;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The rehabilitation proposals of HFC including the Barauni unit, based on unit-wise techno-economic viability, are tc be submitted to the competent authority and thereafter for sanction of Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction/ Appellate Authority for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction.

Loss of wild animals due to deforestation

3365. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of deforestation due to leasing irr Bihar, Orissa, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) the number of trees lost and the percentage of survival from compensatory deforestation; and

(c) the species and the number of wild animals lost due to such deforestation, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The extent of forest land diverted for non-forestry use during the last 5 years by the States of Bihar, Orissa, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand is as follows:—

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Forest Land Diverted (hectare)

SI. N	State	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
1.	Bihar	0.98	11.62	0.00	4.921	438.668
2.	Orissa	3090.677	681.479	187.917	1388.089	22.70
3.	Chhattisgarh	4660.008	892.864	2309.45	333.673	0.15
4.	Madhya Pradesh	1065.863	182.681	1150.091	419.422	4.348
5.	Jharkhand	1578.142	613.324	131.931	2.25	1.609

(b) While according approvals under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, conditions are stipulated to ensure that only minimum number of trees are felled and felling is done in a phased manner as per the requirement.

So far 7075 proposals involving diversion of 5,29,623 hectare of forest land have been approved under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The compensatory afforestation carried out in lieu of the diverted forest land is monitored on a random sampling basis. The percentage survival of the trees under compensatory afforestion depends upon the forest types, topography, edaphic and climatic factors prevailing in the area.

(c) The impact of diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes on wildlife habitat and the population of wild animals cannot be quantified directly. Its impacts are normally manifested in increased crop depredation, man-animal conflict, decreased breeding potential, etc.

Air and water .pollution by industrial wastes

3366. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that companies and factories situated around Mattikere, Mutyala Nagar and adjoining areas in Bangalore are causing air and water pollution;

(b) if so, the details of those companies/factories, and their production;

(c) the details of steps/action taken by Karnataka State Pollution Control Board against such companies; and

(d) the proposed action of Government in this regard?